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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Washington—Rain.
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THE PROOF AT HAND.

The Warrior Rock ice gorge, now holding three great ocean-going steamships in its relentless grasp midway between North Head and "the Port of Portland," is all that is needed to prove the pre-eminent claim of Astoria, as a safe, convenient, accessible, unhampered port of entry and dispatch, for sea-going bottoms. Her last limit of anchorage and docking berths is but two brief hours from "blue water," and the fleets of the universe can be accommodated here. If she were on her proper and natural commercial plane, all the ice-gorges back on Tongue Point in the Columbia, would be nothing to the mariner cowering here. He would be certain of his quick dispatch the instant his hatches were battened down, and the weary delay of the 110 miles towage to and from a cramped and insufficient harborage, twelve miles up a tributary stream, (let alone the extraordinary expense of the inland journey) would be obliterated. The day of Astoria is dawning; and the ice in the Columbia this season may be a blessing in disguise, adding materially in swinging the commerce of the Columbia basin to its ideal and natural port. The Hill road down the northbank will be another eye-opener, and the folly of the years may be realized by the shippers who have suffered so long from imposition. Time and money and business sagacity will find their level at Astoria, sooner, not later, for the demonstration made at Warrior Rock.

PART AND PARCEL.

When the rails for a northshore line find their terminal at the mouth of the Columbia river, and Astoria has demanded, and been awarded the common-point rate on the grain of the Northwest, it would be wholly consonant that a big and flourishing plant for car-building should be in full operation here. The whole scheme would dovetail admirably and serve manifold purposes. Railway extension on this coast is in its infancy just now and its expansion will call for such an industrial departure right here. Astoria might as well be in the van of such a movement, as to permit the cream of such an investment to pass by to other points not one whit better prepared to inaugurate it than she is. There is meat in this proposition if the right men look for it, and the quicker the better. The hazard of such an enterprise is practically nil.

BLOOD FOR BLOOD.

The railways of the country have bled the people long and unconscionably, and if the legislatures shall do a bit of counter-bleeding, it may open the eyes of the corporate thieves a little and tend to mitigate the whole-sale system of robbery. It may bring them to their senses and make it plain to them that the universe was created for some other purpose than the fattening of combines. Never in Oregon's railway record was the time so propitious for the clear-cut adjustment of abuses; and if it is permitted to pass unused, the people will not forgive the men responsible for the opportunity so abandoned. The railways have passed the romantic stage and period of country-building; they are in the commercial saddle and riding everything and everybody down, rough-shod, and that they are yet within the pale of the law is no fault

of theirs; a very practical demonstration of the law is what they need now, and if there is anything in signs, they are going to get it, from one end of the country to the other, Oregon included.

MOTHERS SPOIL DAUGHTERS.

Many mothers imagine that their daughter's fortune is made when she learns enough to thump on a piano or labors enough to daub a cheap chrome, or to work a yellow dog on a door mat. Girls are too glad to be spoiled that way; teach them to command a regiment of pots and kettles, teach them to make good bread, good coffee; teach them to make garments and patch them when they need it. Teach them physical development; teach them it is more cruel and less Christian for American women to cramp and destroy their lungs, liver and stomach, than it is for the Hot-tentists to press their heads flat, or for the Chinese to make their feet small. Good, healthy and industrious girls make happy homes, good wives and mothers.

KINGSTON.

The name of this old West Indian capital will have a new and terrible significance, born of the horrors of death and loss thrust upon it by the earthquake of last week. It is a romantic old town, beautifully located and has a history of no inconspicuous sort, running back through the recent centuries. Its last frightful experience will give it a world-wide name now and it will be quoted forever in the history of seismic troubles. The sympathy of the world is directed Kingston-way now, in very generous fashion.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It may not be generally known among American girls who go or hope to go abroad that there is in Berlin an American Woman's club, founded in 1894. Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, wife of the American ambassador, is its president, and Mrs. John Cleves Symmes its treasurer. Clubs of this sort are invaluable to girls traveling or studying abroad, and, as the yearly subscription is small—in this case only \$2.50—a membership presents no insuperable difficulties. The club is at 11 Kleist strasse W., Berlin, Germany.

Harry Woodruff, star of "Brown of Harvard," a former sweetheart of Anna Gould, is going to marry the Countess Castellane. Some years ago Woodruff was engaged to marry Anna Gould, it is said. An arrangement was made to send him to Harvard university for a more complete education than he possessed. The Gould fortune was placed at his disposal and an agreement executed that he would not make any attempt to marry the daughter of Jay Gould until after he was graduated. When Anna Gould met Count Castellane, Woodruff was jilted.

There is a fear that civilization may eventually wipe out the wild flowers of our country. Slowly but surely we are depriving them of their wild retreats. Unless we do all in our power to preserve and propagate every species, we may rest assured that a few centuries hence many of our beautiful wild flowers will no longer be the common wild flowers of America. Can we not all become members of a great society for the preservation of our wild flowers? The only requirements are that we never wilfully destroy a harmless flower, that we do all in our power to protect and propagate species and that we instill in our children these same principles of loving and preserving Nature's gifts.

A specialist in corsets says that the figure this year is higher than that of last year. And the indications show that next year's figure will be higher busted still. This, however, does not infer that the corset of that shape pushes the figure out of place or brings the woman who has just begun to feel her freedom into trammels again. It merely means that a woman must learn to stretch her body and stiffen her muscles. As the chest is raised and the muscles grow tense, you will have all the requirements for a high corset.

Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but, when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month.

THE WEEK IN ASTORIA SOCIETY

"Man was made of Social Earth, Child and brother from his birth. Tethered by a liquid cord Of blood, thru' veins of kindred poured."

"Daemonic Love."

"Nor knowest thou what argument Thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent;

All are needed by each one, Nothing is fair, or good, alone, "Each and All."

Thrifty and complacent, our City-by-the-Sea has moved on in the even tenor of its way, despite the unusual rigorous clutch of the Ice King.

Sheathed in armour of furs and bright woollens, and exhilarated by the quick spur of the blood, the fairest and daintiest braved their pretty skins to the snow and ice. Long disused skates, possibly relics of Eastern good times, again saw service, and new ones galore shipped for a ready sale. The interchange of social compliments brought the usual response to invitations. And there is to be "marrying and giving in marriage" ere another moon. Astoria is to lose one of its sweetest and brightest young girls to gain a charming young matron, when the marriage will occur of Miss Myja Fredrickson and Mr. John Tyson Allen, the eldest son of one of Astoria's oldest and most prominent families, a successful young business man of this city. Miss Fredrickson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Fredrickson, has for several seasons charmed music lovers by her skillful and delicate interpretations on her instrument, the violin, which she has studied seriously here and abroad. Miss Fredrickson has also been the successful teacher and director of an orchestra composed of young girls and boys of this city. It is hoped that her new responsibilities will not deprive the public of this pleasure, so much appreciated. The following invitation was issued this week to many friends of the young couple:

Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Fredrickson
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Allen
request the honor of your presence at the marriage reception of
Miss Myja Therese Fredrickson
and
Mr. John Tyson Allen
Tuesday afternoon, January Twenty-ninth
Three-thirty to five o'clock
Cor. Eleventh St. and Franklin Ave.
Astoria, Oregon.

Shower for Miss Fredrickson.

Saturday afternoon a "shower" was given Miss Fredrickson, in honor of her approaching marriage by Mrs. Frank Sanborn, at her residence. The party was composed of the Saturday Afternoon Club: Mrs. Frank Sanborn, Mrs. George Warren, Mrs. Nat Tallent, Miss Mabel Taylor, Miss Bess Reed, and Miss May Utzinger and Miss Fredrickson.

In Chicago.

The following dispatch has been received from Chicago (Jan. 16th): Miss Elsie Elmore, of Astoria, Oregon, is spending a month in Chicago with Miss Grace Hills, 4925 Lake Avenue. She is to be a bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Hill and LeRoy Woodland, which will take place Easter week at St. Paul's Church, Kenwood. Miss Elsie, whose vivacity and charm are popular adjuncts of Astoria society during the greater part of the year, was Miss Hill's room-mate at the finishing school of Mrs. Somers, in Washington, D. C.

The parents of Miss Edna Dorothy Price, of Portland, received a most welcome surprise in the premature arrival of their daughter, who has been absent for about a year in Peru. Miss Price went to Peru with some friends and stopped first in Callio, then in Montevideo, and afterwards in Iquique, visiting. A letter which she wrote recently to her people informed them that she would be home some time in February. But the big British steamer, Condor, on which she took passage, was forced to stop for coal at Astoria, so Miss Price, by undergoing a slight legal formality, was enabled to finish her long journey in a much shorter time, which she did by taking the A. & C. R. Portland bound, Tuesday evening.

Lake Smith Skating Party.

For at least four days, during the past week, a merry mob of pleasure seekers hid themselves to Lake Smith, Skapanon, taking advantage of the rare freeze-up we have just experienced, to enjoy the most exhilarating sport of skating. To those who had never before rolled on ice-skates, no less than the many Astorians who have known the annual return of all the familiar winter frolics of the East or even Canada and Nova Scotia, frozen Lake Smith proved an exquisite fascination. A clear two miles of solid ice rang with the click of steel. A bon-fire was built and luncheon with hot coffee served to the

many gay votaries of Mercury. From thirty to fifty formed the party each day. Among these were: Mrs. J. E. Higgins, Miss Margaret Higgins, Miss Anne McLean, Miss Nellie Utzinger, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Callender, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, Mrs. Stone, Messrs. Schmidt, Walter Stokes, Dell Scully, Grover Utzinger, McKenna, Bert Dunbar, Streumeyer, Harry Flavel, Jas. Robb, and Harry Graham.

"The Fortnightly Club."

"The Fortnightly Club" was entertained charmingly by Mrs. Simington at her home on Franklin Avenue on Monday. Six handed euchre was played. Miss Helen Dickenson won first ladies' prize, Mrs. Coolidge second; and Mr. Fred Simington first gentlemen's prize and Mr. Fisher second. Mr. Van Dusen was awarded the visiting prize.

Card Party.

The card party given by Mrs. McPharlan, Miss O'Connor and Mrs. Kate Kearney, at St. Mary's Church hall, was an undoubted success. A large number of young people and never-old people were present and participated in cards and dancing. Coffee and cake were served by some of the young people.

The Pastime Club this week postponed its meeting on account of the inclement weather.

The "D. M. C. D. Club" was entertained on Tuesday by Miss Jessie Sands, at her home in Uppertown.

The "Thursday Afternoon Club" were entertained this week by Miss Elmore at her home on 14th street.

Mrs. Frank Parker entertained a few friends informally on Monday at three tables of "Bridge."

Bridge Whist Party.

Mrs. Richardson entertained Wednesday in her apartments at the "Col" in honor of her sister, Miss Cole, who is leaving with Mrs. Tallent to spend the remainder of the winter in the East. At Bridge Whist there were four tables, the prize winners being Mrs. Clyde Fulton and Mrs. Patton.

"Rebekah Party."

The Rebekahs gave another of their most enjoyable parties Friday evening. Cards were played and dancing was indulged in to the accompaniment of Miss Kirschhoff's accomplished fingers. Mr. Kline also played a number of selections on the piano. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Gregg, and Mrs. Younce. Prize winners at progressive whist were Miss Gertrude Bjinn, first ladies; Mrs. Fry, consolation; Mr. Kenegy, first gentlemen; and Prof. Kester, consolation. The young ladies of the committee of this truly successful affair were the Misses Bertha Kriebelin, Beale Gregory, Bertha Gunderson, and Ella Ekstrom.

The Livingstone Lecture.

The stereophonic lecture on the Scott Country, by Mr. Livingstone on Thursday evening, was well attended, despite the very severe cold and icy hills. Mr. Livingstone has but recently returned to his home in Portland, from a visit to Scotland, during which he had the good fortune to view many of the beautiful and historic scenes of which he spoke so interestingly. The pictures shown were also extremely interesting and appropriate. The only thing that marred the entertainment being a defection of the stereoscope, which caused at one time a halt in the lecture. However, this interval was most acceptably filled by Mrs. Chas. Callender, who sang a Scotch song very gracefully. Other sweet Scotch ballads were rendered by Mrs. Callender and Mrs. Stevenson, as introductory to the lecture which followed.

"On Rollers."

A truly convincing assembly gathered Friday evening at the popular rink at Foard & Stokes hall. Skating has certainly superseded dancing for the time being, and there is an attraction in the smooth gliding that is more than a fad. McClosky's band furnished music, which added to the general effect, though the rolling of the many skates made the melody almost indistinguishable. There were a hundred, more or less, skaters, and watchers on. Among those were Misses Reed, Bess Reed, Utzinger, May Utzinger, Anne McLean, Wilma Young, Margaret Higgins, Elmore, Mabel Taylor, Grace Stokes, Quakely, Bailey, Kellman, Bernice and Lenore McGregor, Maud Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Streumeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stokes, Mrs. Dan Allen, Mrs. Elsworth, Mrs. J. E. Higgins, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Geo. Flavel; Messrs. Jas. Robb, Treyer, T. Higgins, Grover Utzinger, Reed, Geo. Ohler, Knight, Louis Hartwig, Donald Stewart and others.

MISS ALERT.

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men-folk. The past five days have made considerable impress on the stocks, but almost every size is here in something at every price. If your price is between \$7.20 and \$20 for Men's Overcoats, or \$6.45 and \$15 for Men's Suits.

There is mighty good news for you in this sale. Read all the House Cleaning Sale's Extra Specials for this week:

Men's Blue Kersey Overcoats in broken lines, \$8.50 and \$10 values; reduced to\$7.20
Men's 46-inch Heavy Cheviot Overcoats, \$13.50 to \$16.50 values; reduced to\$11.45
Men's Rain Coats, Mackintoshes, Cravenettes, etc., odd lots, one and two of a size, \$10 to \$15 values; reduced to\$8.35
Golf Shirts, sizes 14½, 16, 16½ and 17, 75c and \$1.00 values; reduced to60c
Underwear, Overshirts, Neckwear, Hats, Gloves, Sweaters, etc., all reduced.

Trunks, Suit Cases, Bags, etc., reduced drastically.

Boys' Kersey Storm Coats, ages 6 to 12 years, regular price \$5, reduced to\$2.70
Child's Covert Box Coats, 6 to 10, regular price \$5.50, reduced to\$2.85
Child's Blue Reefers, regular price \$3.00, reduced to\$1.90
Boys' Overcoats, broken line, 4 to 8, regular price \$4.00 to \$7.50; reduced to\$2.35
Child's Russian House Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, 3 to 8, worth \$4.00; reduced to\$2.70
Boys' Jacket and Pants Suits, odds and ends, 65 suits in this lot, ages 6 to 16 years, values \$4.00 to \$6.50; reduced to\$2.85
Boys' Jacket and Pants Suits of Cheviot materials, 6 to 12 years, \$2.50 to \$4.00 values; reduced to\$1.45

Men's Suits in broken lines, 1, 2, and 3 suits of a kind, Cheviots and Worsted, \$9.50 to \$11 values; reduced to\$6.45

Men's Fancy Worsted Suits, good values, late models, \$15.00 to \$18.50 values; reduced to\$10.85

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